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SUBJ: MINISTERIAL COMMENT ON NEXT INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST

REF: NEW DELHI 2774

1. MINENERGY K.C. PANT TOLD MP QUESTIONER MARCH 17 THAT QUESTION OF NEXT INDIAN NUCLEAR TEST DOES NOT ARISE AT THE MOMENT. RESULTS ACHIEVED BY POKHRAN EXPLOSION WERE STILL UNDER STUDY AND QUESTION OF NEXT EXPLOSION WOULD ARISE ONLY WHEN IT WAS CONSIDERED DESIRABLE TO GO AHEAD. AFTER WIRESERVICE DESSEMINATION, THE STORY WAS KILLED BY THE CENSOR.

2. IN A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO A KOK SABHA QUESTION, PRIME MINISTER GANDHI ON MARCH 10 SAID: "THE QUESTION (OF A SECOND NUCLEAR EXPLOSION FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES) WILL BE CONSIDERED WHEN THE NEED FOR A PEACEFUL EXPERIMENT IS WELL ESTABLISHED."

3. COMMENT:WE HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT VALIDITY OF REPORT IN
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REFTEL THAT FIRST EXPLOSION RESULTS HAVE BEEN ANALYZED

AND ASSUME THAT PANT USED THE "UNDER STUDY" LINE TO AVOID
FURTHER PRESSURE FROM LPS WHILE "MORATORIUM" ON TESTING
WORKED OUT BETWEEN CANADIANS AND GOI FOR NEXT 15-16
MONTHS IS IN EFFECT. THE STORY MAY HAVE BEEN KILLED BECAUSE
IT WAS SLIGHTLY INCONSISTENT WITH THE PM'S MARCH 10
STATEMENT.
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